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SUBJECT: LOS: STRAITS AND NAVIGATION PROPOSAL BY STRAITS STATES

REF: (A) USUN 1037 (B) STATE 54975

- 1. DCM AND POL COUNSELOR CALLED ON DFA ACTING SECRETARY MANUEL COLLANTES ON MORNING OF MAR 26 IN COMPLIANCE WITH REFTELS. DCM MADE POINTS OUTLINED IN REF A, STRESSING PARTICULARLY IMPORTANCE OF THIS MATTER IN CONTEXT OF MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY OBLIGATIONS.
- 2. COLLANTES LISTENED WITH INTEREST BUT INDICATED THAT GOP DEL TO UN SEABED COMMITTEEE HAS FULL POWERS OF LOS QUESTIONS AND THAT DFA WOULD NOT WANT TO INTERPOSE ITSELF IN THIS MATTER. HOWEVER, COLLANTES REQUESTED AIDE MEMOIRE OUTLINING POINTS MADE DURING PRESENTATION. EMBASSY PROVIDED BRIEF AIDE MEMOIRE TO THIS EFFECT THE SAME MORNING. SECRET

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3. COMMENT: ACTING SECRETARY CONFIRMED SITUATION
WITH RESPECT TO GOP HANDLING OF LOS, OF WHICH EMBASSY
WAS ALREADY AWARE. GOP DEL CONTAINS, IN PERSONS OF
CHAIRMAN TOLENTINO, DFA UNDERSEC INGLES, SOLICITOR
GENERAL MENDOZA AND DFA ASSISTANT SEC YANGO, PRACTICALLY
ALL PHIL EXPERTS EXTANT ON LOS SUBJECT. THEREFORE,
DIRECT USUN REPRESENTATION WITH GOP DEL IN NEW YORK IS TYPE
WHICH WOULD BE MOST EFFECTIVE IN THIS INSTANCE AND, GENERALLY,
IN CASE OF LOS MATTERS. WE HOPE HOWEVER, THAT RECEIPT OF AIDE
MEMOIRE WILL PROMPT COLLANTES AT LEAST TO INFORM GOP
DEL OF EMBASSY REPRESENTATION AT HIGH LEVEL IN MANILA,
AS WE URGENTLY REQUESTED.
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